UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS HOUSTON DIVISION

United States Courts Southern District of Texas ENTERED

MAY 4 2006

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

\$ Michael N. Milby, Clerk of Court

VS.

\$ CRIMINAL NO. H-05-0051

CLAUDIO DE LA CRUZ-RIVA,

\$ Defendant.

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

Pending before the Court is Defendant's letter motion to withdraw his appeal. Because the appeal is proceeding before the Fifth Circuit, this Court lacks the power to terminate it. If Defendant wishes to abandon the appeal, he should file a motion to do so in the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. The pending motion to withdraw, Docket No. 36, is therefore **DENIED**.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

SIGNED at Houston, Texas, on this the Hay of May, 2006.

KÉITH P. ELLISON

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

TO INSURE PROPER NOTICE, EACH PARTY WHO RECEIVES THIS ORDER SHALL FORWARD A COPY OF IT TO EVERY OTHER PARTY AND AFFECTED NON-PARTY EVEN THOUGH THEY MAY HAVE BEEN SENT ONE BY THE COURT.